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"(c) As the grant has been paid to the school up to February 1953, no further action is considered necessary in the matter."

Perambalur Panchayat Board.

* 918 *Q.*—Sri K. R. VISWANATHAN (on behalf of Sri M. Palanimuthu): Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any representation was received by the Government from the public of Perambalur, Tiruchirappalli district regarding the division of wards in the Perambalur Panchayat Board;

(*b*) if so, what steps have been taken so far on it; and

(*c*) how many seats have been reserved for Harijans?

The Hon. Sri N. SANKARA REDDI :—"(*a*) No.

"(*b*) Does not arise.

"(*c*) No seat has been reserved for the members of the Scheduled Castes as in two wards they are the sole voters and in another ward they are in absolute majority."

Lease of fishing rights to Fishermen Co-operative Society, Gudivada.

* 919 *Q.*—Sri G. RAMA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether the Fishermen Co-operative Society at Gudivada, Krishna district, represented to the Government this year to lease out the fishing rights in the tanks of Gudivada taluk for fasli 1362 and if so what action the Government took on the representations?

The Hon. Dr. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—"No."

Sri G. RAMA RAO :—"I myself wrote on behalf of the co-operative society to the Government in this respect and I do not know why the Hon. Minister is denying this."

The Hon. Dr. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—"No, Sir. At the time the question was asked, there was no representation made to the Government. On the other hand, the Assistant Director of Fisheries recommended the lease to the Fishermen Co-operative Societies and a number of tanks, waterways and branch channels have been given to the society and their lease amount comes to Rs. 2,730 now."

Sri K. RAJAGOPALA RAO :—"May I know whether the Government are giving priority to Fishermen Co-operative Societies in leasing these tanks?"

The Hon. Dr. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—"Yes, Sir."

Sri P. VENKATASUBBIAH :—"May I know, Sir, under what conditions tanks are leased to the Fishermen Co-operative Societies?"

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THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" Usually the amount of lease is determined by taking the average for the previous three or four years."

High school at Kunisseri, Palghat taluk.

* 920 Q.—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any application from Sri Seetharama Ayyar, Kunisseri, Palghat, for permission to open a High School at Kunisseri;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the said gentleman has offered to furnish the necessary security, provide buildings and all equipments for the opening of the High School ; and

(*c*) what action the Government have taken in the matter?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) *to* (*c*) An application, dated 17th December 1952, was received by the District Educational Officer, South Malabar, from Sri Seetharama Ayyar for opening a High School at Kunisseri. As the application did not contain all the required particulars, Sri Seetharama Ayyar was asked to furnish the additional particulars. In his reply, he reported that he had dropped the proposal of opening a High School at Kunisseri on the ground that it would affect the progress of the Higher Elementary School under his management."

Rehabilitation scheme for the tribal people of Pathapatnam.

* 921 Q.—SRI L. LAKSHMANA DAS : Will the Hon. the Minister for Rural Welfare be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any rehabilitation scheme for the tribal people of Pathapatnam constituency is ready for implementation; and

(*b*) if so, when it will be implemented?

THE HON. SRI S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO :—" (*a*) No.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

SRI L. LAKSHMANA DAS :—" In view of the fact that there are many tribesmen in Pathapatnam, Marangi and other places, will the Government consider the desirability of taking up some schemes for the amelioration of these people?"

THE HON. SRI S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO :—" After the new Government is formed in the Andhra State, Sir."

Suicide cases among the Police forces.

8-50 a.m. * 922 Q.—SRI T. POTHA RAJU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the number of persons in armed forces, i.e., constables, Malabar Special Police and Special Armed Police of our State, who have committed suicide in the year 1951–52; the causes for such suicides and the measures the Government propose to take if any, to avert such things in future?